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COURT GRANTS TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER TO BLOCK BRAC DECISION

Tennessee Attorney General Paul G. Summers today announced the Federal Court has granted a motion to block the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission (BRAC) from delivering its report to the President Bush that would have dismantled the 118th Air Lift Wing.

"Today's decision is a clear victory for the 118th airlift wing, the governor and the State of Tennessee," Attorney General Summers said. "Today's decision means the BRAC cannot include the transfer of 8 C130 airplanes from the 118th to other national guard units across the country."

The Attorney General's Office filed a lawsuit on behalf of Gov. Bredesen on Aug. 19 in the United States District Court in the Middle District. Today Judge Echols determined the State had met the requirements to grant the temporary retraining order.

Judge Echols made his decision, citing, the "governor's likelihood of success on the merits of his constitutional and statutory claims, the irreparable injury he faces, the harm imposing injunctive relief would cause the defendants and the public interest.

To obtain a copy of the ruling, call the Attorney General's Office at 615-741-5860.